

great war. But when we saw our boat slip out into the channel, under the cover of darkness, and dash at full speed across the channel we were partly aware at least of the immediate danger we were in.

At Southampton the regiment was divided, some companies going on the Duchess of Argyle to Cherbourg, the others, including Headquarters, on the Mono Queen and the Londonderry to Le Havre. The regiment disembarked at these ports, August 14 and 16, and immediately after landing hiked to rest camps a few miles out from the ports.

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### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF FRANCE AND THE FRENCH.

This was for the most of us our first day in a foreign country, among a people who spoke a different language. Among our first impressions of France was the ancient and quaint aspect of everything. As we marched through the town and out into the country we surveyed everything we passed with an amazing keenness of interest. Knowing that we were to live and fight with the French for months to come, we were eager to learn all we could about them immediately upon our arrival. Consequently we were scrutinizingly observant of the appearance, manners, and customs of the people we passed that day.